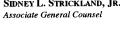


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June 8, 2004

Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 414X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment between Lookout and

Hambone, California

Dear Secretary Williams:

In reply to the Rails to Trails Conservancy's letter to you dated June 1, 2004, regarding the above-referenced docket, BNSF does not object to the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trails Use.

Sincerely,

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